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August 13, 2010

Ms. Carol A. Herrmann-Steckel, MPH Commissioner Alabama Medicaid Agency 501 Dexter Avenue Post Office Box 5624 Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5624

Re: Alabama Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal #10-009

Dear Ms. Herrmann-Steckel:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to the Alabama Medicaid State Plan that was submitted under transmittal number 10-009. This State Plan Amendment allows the establishment of reimbursement through the use of an electronic benefit transfer (EBT) system. The EBT system replaces the paper-based voucher system.

Based on the information provided, we are pleased to inform you that Medicaid State Plan Amendment 10-009 was approved on August 11, 2010. The effective date for this amendment is July 1, 2010. We are also enclosing the approved HCFA-179 and plan pages.

If you have any questions or need any further assistance, please contact Maria Donatto at (404) 562-3697.

Sincerely,

/s/

Jackie Glaze Associate Regional Administrator Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

**Enclosures**